GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
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Electoral Bribery as Cognisable Offence
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Chief Election Commissioner has reiterated Election Commission's long-standing demand to make electoral bribery a cognisable offence under the code of Criminal Procedure and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Centre had drawn up a draft Amendment Bill to the effect in consultation with the Law Ministry and also sought comments from States as criminal law and criminal procedure are in the Concurrent List; and
(c) if so, the status of the Centre's efforts in this direction?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI P.P.CHAUDHARY)

(a): The proposal of the Election Commission for making electoral bribery a cognizable offence under section 171B of the Indian Penal Code is under consideration of the Government.
(b): Yes, Madam.
(c): The draft formulation drawn up in this regard has been circulated to all stake-holders for their final vetting.